(a) if so, what are the guidelines that have been formulated;

(b) whether this new policy will be effective from 1 st April, 2003;

(c) if so, the total number of countries which have applied for investment in civil aviation sector; and

(d) whether the foreign investors have to form Joint ventures with Airports Authority of India, Indian Airlines or Air India to enter the segment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRJPAD YESSONAK):

(a) No, Sir

(b) to (e) and (f) Do not arise.

New agency for airport security

4033.SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA :

SHRI PARMESHWARKUMAR AGARWALLA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(c) whether the proposal to hand over airport security to the Central Industrial Security Force is under active consideration of Government;

(a) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the name of the agency presently entrusted with the work of looking after security in the airports;

(e) the reasons for assigning this work to a new and non-aviation organisation;

(f) whether C.I.S.F. would be given the charge of both the domestic and international airports throughout the country; and

(b) by when, the new agency will be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (f) After the hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814 in December, 1999, the Central Government decided to deploy CISF in place of State/Union Territory Police for airport security at all operational domestic and international airports in a phased manner so as to bring in uniformity in procedures and practices. So far, CISF has been deployed at 46 operational airports. At the remaining airports, State/Union Territory Police is looking after security.